

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 720

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Principal Steve Millsaps and Lenoir City High School upon their receipt of the AARP Ethel Percy Andrus Legacy Award for Innovation.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding schools that have served as beacons of knowledge, unfalteringly providing the finest education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable institution is Lenoir City High School, which has been selected to receive the AARP Ethel Percy Andrus Legacy Award for Innovation; and

WHEREAS, the school has earned the award in recognition of its Freshman Initiative, an original program which helps incoming freshmen transition more smoothly to the rigors of high school by means of a restructured schedule and specially trained homeroom teachers. The program met with immediate success, as school officials observed decreases in both discipline referrals and failure rates and increases in attendance; and

WHEREAS, the superiority of Lenoir City High School's Freshman Initiative was so significant that AARP's award selection panel, composed of volunteers and members of the Tennessee Retired Teachers Association, unanimously chose the school over fifteen other Tennessee schools; and

WHEREAS, the Ethel Percy Andrus Legacy Award for Innovation, which includes a grant of \$10,000 and honors the legacy of the AARP founder and first woman appointed to lead a public secondary high school in California, will be presented to Principal Steve Millsaps and Assistant Principal Janet McGee, who is also the Freshman Initiative administrator, on March 5, 2008, at the Lenoir City High School; and

WHEREAS, the assiduous efforts of the entire Lenoir City High School faculty and staff have contributed to the success of Freshman Initiative and have also garnered the school

recognition by the Tennessee School Board Association for “Excellence in Education Programs”; and

WHEREAS, Lenoir City High School’s outstanding accomplishment is a source of great pride for the good people of Tennessee, a state which celebrates a long tradition of commitment to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Lenoir City High School for its impressive accomplishment and its dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens and students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Principal Steve Millsaps and the faculty of Lenoir City High School upon their receipt of the AARP Ethel Percy Andrus Legacy Award for Innovation, commend them for their laudable record of meritorious service to their students, and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.